



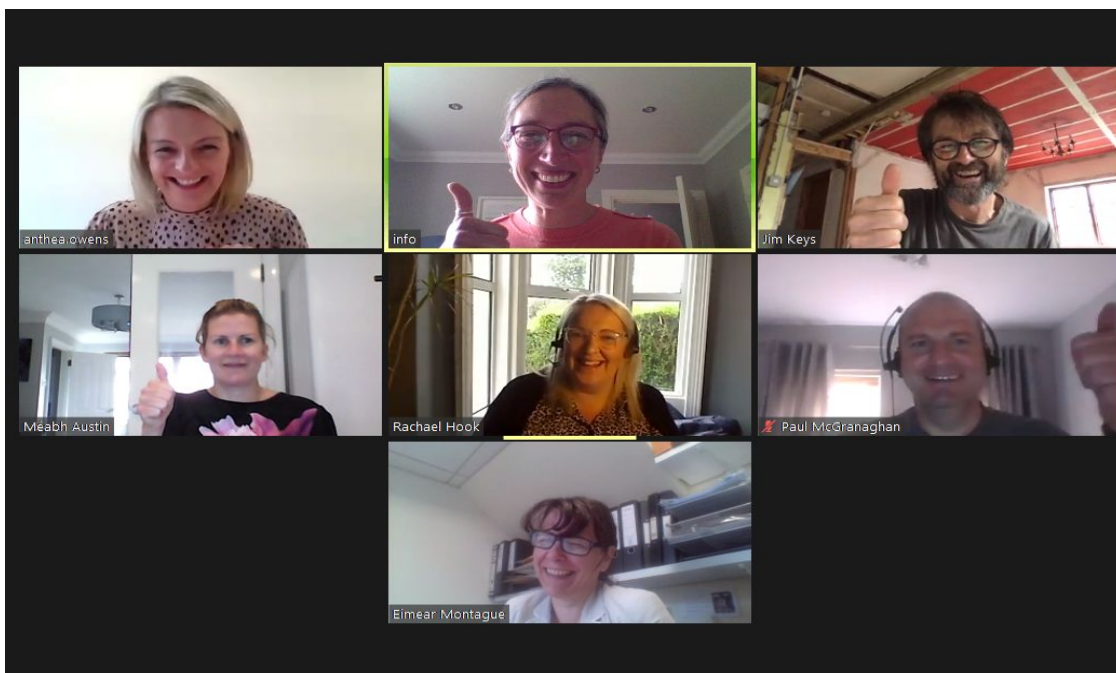
NIRN Summary Report 2020

Northern Ireland Resources Network is a pilot project to establish a representative body for reuse and repair organisations and local authorities. NIRN connects community groups, charities, social enterprises and local authorities across Northern Ireland to promote less waste and supports the growth and collaboration between these reuse and repair organisations.

Our objectives are to establish a network which understands the needs and supports our members, promote reuse and repair and develop this sector in Northern Ireland through promotion and celebration of this sector's achievements, policy input and representation at local, national and international level.

Key achievements for 2020 include the following:

- Network coordinator employed and office set up
- Establishment of a Steering Committee incorporating representative organisations engaged with the reuse and repair sector including governmental department, local authority, social enterprise, charities and community organisations whilst ensuring a geographical spread across Northern Ireland.



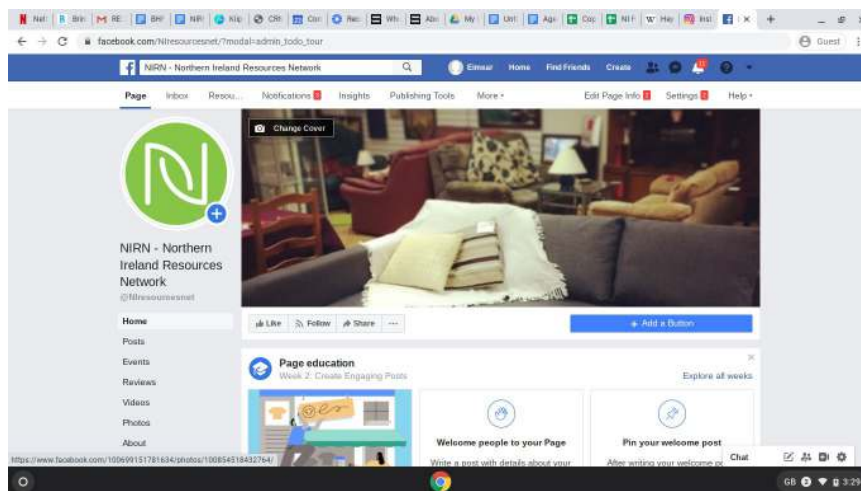
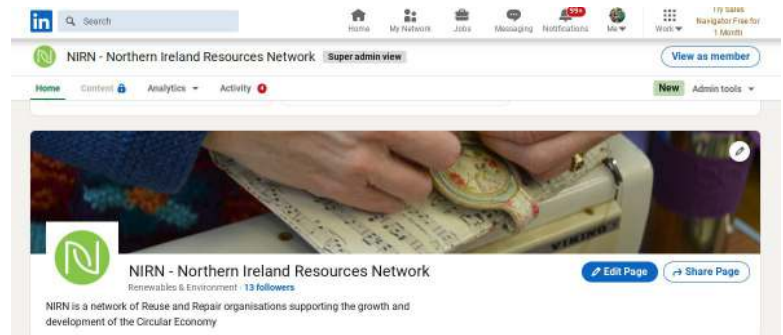
- Monthly meetings of an engaged and enthusiastic Steering Committee held since August and approval provided on the following :

- Terms of reference for the Pilot Project
- Membership policy, screening process for new members and membership form, membership payment structure
- Approval of Northern Ireland Resources Network (NIRN) as organisation name along with collaboration and agreement on logo and strapline.



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- Creation of social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn along with dedicated pages on CRNI website. To be featured on MyNI - site used by governmental departments and other public sector organisations to engage with the public in Northern Ireland.



- Key milestone of 10 members joined the network: 4R's Reuse Workshop, Belfast City Council, Belfast Tool Library, British Heart Foundation, Cloughmills Community Action Team, FareShare NI, Derry City & Strabane District Council, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Repair Cafe Belfast and Zero Waste North West. Of note, Derry City & Strabane District Council - officially the first region in UK & Ireland to become Zero Waste, Cloughmills Community Action Team - previous recipient of European Week for Waste Reduction Award, and Repair Cafe Belfast - group which organises repair events across Belfast and collaborates to support the development of other repair cafes in Northern Ireland.



Belfast
City Council



Fermanagh & Omagh
District Council
Comhairle Ceantair
Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle
Chathair Dhoire &
Cheantar an tSrátha Báin
Derry Cittyte & Strabane
Districk Council



Repair Café Belfast



- Dedicated pages for NIRN members on CRNI website and weekly members alerts sent out highlighting updates on the members page. Page updated weekly with news on members, funding and opportunities, policy, training and events.



Welcome to the NIRN Members area

Welcome to NIRN members area, providing you and your organisation information on funding, training, latest events and details of new members joining the network. The content on this site is updated weekly and we would welcome any feedback on this page – contact eimear@ni-rn.com

Members News

Current Members

Funding & Opportunities

Policy

Training

Events



Members News

Derry City & Strabane District Council has become the first Zero Waste region in the UK and Ireland! This is a significant milestone in the transition to a circular economy and testament to the advocacy and support NIRN member **Zero Waste North West** who have collaborated with Derry & Strabane Council to enable this major step to addressing the waste generation in this area. For more on this story go [here](#).

We are delighted to welcome the new members as shown below:



4Rs -Our vision is to create a zero waste economy, an alternative to a disposable society by making repair education accessible, to build a stronger, waste-free community and support vulnerable people within our city and district.

- Engagement and input into national and international organisations including CRNI, WRAP and RREUSE.
- Representation at events including NI Environmental Conference, CRNS (Community Resources Network Scotland) Conference, Social Enterprise World Forum and Net Zero Live 2020.
- Delivery of key milestone in the project in first training event this week for NIRN network members on Resilience and Adaptation in response to Covid



- Creation and completion of New Members Survey to understand needs of NIRN members and develop network accordingly.